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FM AMEMBASSY SAN JOSE

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 1771

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TAGS: CASC (BEACH, MICHAEL)

SUBJECT: W/W - JUNGLE SEARCH FOR MICHAEL BEACH

REF: TELCON OCT 18, 1975 LANE/ARNOLD (SCS)/GOWEN (ARA:LA:  
CEN) RE COM APPROVAL AND GOCR APPROVAL FOR TROOPS FROM PANAMA;

SANE JOSE 4394 AND 4399

SEARCH FOR MICHAEL BEACH CONTINUING BUT NO RESULTS AS YET.

APPROVAL FOR U.S. MILITARY TROOPS FROM PANAMA TO ENTER COSTA  
RICA WAS OBTAINED FROM GOCR (PRESIDENT ODUBER) LATE OCTOBER  
18 AND AN ARMY GROUND RESCUE TEAM OF ELEVEN MEN INCLUDING  
CAPTAIN IN CHARGE ARRIVED AT SAN JOSE FROM PANAMA MORNING  
OF OCTOBER 19.

TEAM WAS MET AND TRANSPORTED BY EMBASSY TO SEARCH AREA, ACCOM-  
PANIED BY EMBASSY'S MILGRP COMMANDER, COL. TRDLA, WHERE THEY  
SPENT THE DAY ESTABLISHING A COMMAND POST, MAPPING OPERATIONS  
AND ORGANIZING FOR JUNGLE PENETRATION. FOR THIS PURPOSE SEARCH  
TEAM WILL DIVIDE INTO TWO GROUPS: ONE GROUP WILL DEPART FROM  
COMMAND POST AT DAWN OCTOBER 20 FOR THREE-DAY CONTINUOUS JUNGLE  
MARCH WHILE SECOND GROUP WILL DEPART FOR FOUR-DAY CONTINUOUS  
MARCH. IN ADDITION TO ACTIVITIES OF ARMY SEARCH TEAM,  
20 OTHER SEARCHERS WERE OPERATING IN AREA OCTOBER 19 INCLUDING  
GOCR JUNGLE-TRAINED TEAM OF SIX, CR RED CROSS SEARCHERS, THREE  
EMBASSY MSG'S AND LOCAL VOLUNTEERS.

BASICALLY THE SAME SEARCHERS INCLUDING EMBASSY MILGRP COMMANDER  
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COL. TRDLA BUT NOT EMBASSY MSG'S WILL BE IN SEARCH AREA OCTOBER

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MR. JOHN BEACH, FATHER OF MICHAL, WAS MET ON ARRIVAL AT SAN JOSE AIRPORT OCTOBER 18 BY CONSOFF AND MICHAEL'S EMPLOYER, PUBLISHER OF THE SAN JOSE NEWS. MR. BEACH CONFERRED WITH CHARGE MORNING OF OCTOBER 19 AND WAS THEN TRANSPORTED BY EMBASSY TO SEARCH SITE. HE IS BEING PROVIDED SIMILAR TRANSPORTATION FOR OCTOBER 20.

CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST: SENATORS HUMPHREY AND PROXMIRE AND CONGRESSMAN ASPEN. LANE

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